

HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2026

Board Members: Terry Niedermeyer John Drake, and Kirk Peterson. [Nora Gambiee (Absent) and Cliff Fortune (Absent)] 3 voting members in attendance.

Staff and Volunteers: Jim Price; Fire Chief, Scott Kline; Division Chief, Kelli Ewing; Office Administrator, FF Gerrit Reasor, Debra Sinz, and Linda Eby.

Guests: Bill Judge (Inline), Alex Cettie (Otak) [Zoom], and Nancy Padberg [Zoom]

1. Call to Order: By John Drake at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Terry Niedermeyer
4. Persons to be Heard. None.
5. Fire Station Project

A. Station Project Update

- i. Site work has been progressing and was ahead of schedule; however, permit delays are currently preventing wood framing from beginning. The primary delay involved the traffic signal being connected to the building permit. These have now been separated, allowing the building permit to move forward.
- ii. Trench drains are being installed in the apparatus bays to allow vehicles to be washed indoors. Masonry work is also continuing.
- iii. Clackamas County has higher-than-usual radon levels, which are being addressed through mitigation measures.

Out of Order

11. New Business

A. Inline Amendment #2

- i. GMP Amendment #2 was reviewed. The subcontractor market is currently competitive, resulting in lower bids. The current estimate is coming in under budget.

MOTION MADE: By Terry Niedermeyer to approve Inline GMP Amendment #2
2ND: By Kirk Peterson
DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: Motion Passed 3 Ayes [2 Absent]. John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson (Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye) [Nora Gambee (Absent) and Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

B. Volunteer Representative Update

i. Support Group - Linda Eby

- a. Support Group distributed 34 bicycle helmets during the Annual Helmet Giveaway Event in June 2026. Children at the Timberline Rim Fourth of July parade expressed appreciation for the new helmets.
- b. A new style of helmet was purchased this year that are rated for both bicycling and skating. The old helmets were disposed of because they were previously stored outside and the plastic broke down. The new helmets are being stored indoors, are dated, and will be rotated every three years. Funding for the Bike Helmet program has been raised through recycling cans.
- c. The Support Group has 10 active members. Members recently renewed their Food Handler Cards and will prepare food for the Hood to Coast first responders. Approximately 110 meals were served last year.

ii. Volunteer Association - Gus Reasor

- a. There are four new students bringing the total to six in the Student Program.
- b. Volunteer recruitment is in progress for the 2026-2027 Volunteer Training Academy and we have already received nine applications.
- c. Volunteers from the 2025-2026 Training Academy are staying active and are assisting with shift coverage.

iii. CERT - Debra Sinz

- a. CERT has 12 members, half of which are new.

b. Recent skills trainings included triage, vital signs, Burn to Learn rehabilitation, Stop the Bleed, and GMRS radio communications.

c. Members had a work party and cleaned and reorganized the storage shed. Another work party will be held to reorganize the CERT trailer.

Resume Order

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes on July 14, 2026

MOTION MADE: By Kirk Peterson to approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes on July 14, 2026

2ND: By Terry Niedermeyer

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion Passed 3 Ayes [2 Absent]. John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson (Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye) [Nora Gambee (Absent) and Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

B. Special Board Meeting Minutes on July 27, 2026

MOTION MADE: By Kirk Peterson to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes on July 27, 2026

2ND: By Terry Niedermeyer

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion Passed 3 Ayes [2 Absent]. John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson (Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye) [Nora Gambee (Absent) and Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

7. Communications

A. Board Upcoming Reminders

i. Special Board Meeting – Monday, August 24, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM

a. Time is being reviewed and board will be updated.

ii. Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2026, ~ 7:00 PM

iii. Hood to Coast BBQ – August 28, 2026, ~ 12:00 PM

iv. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2026, ~ 7:00 PM

v. Hoodland Fire Picnic – Saturday, September 12, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM

vi. OFDDA Conference [Hood River] – November 5 – 7, 2026

B. Safety Meeting Minutes June 18, 2026

8. Reports

A. Chiefs Report: Fire Chief Jim Price

i. The District responded to 107 calls during July, bringing the year-to-date total to 540 calls. The average turnout time was one minute and six seconds, with an average response time to arrival of ten minutes and forty-seven seconds.

ii. Next Civil Service meeting is scheduled for October 2026.

iii. The Fire Chief hiring process is on track.

iv. Fire season is in full swing. The Grasshopper, Austin, and Mitchell fires are burning near the District.

v. Hoodland Fire District currently has a crew deployed to Southern Oregon to assist with fires in that area.

vi. The Wildfire Partnership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

vii. The C800 tower is currently being threatened by the Austin Fire.

B. Staff Report: DC Brian Henrichs. None.

C. Staff Report: DC Scott Kline

i. DC Kline reported that he has been working on fire and evacuation information and participating in meetings while on vacation. Efforts are ongoing to distribute additional fire information and reduce the evacuation level.

ii. DC Kline is also working to obtain FEMA reimbursement related to the winter storm. The process has been lengthy but is near completion.

9. Finance

A. Financial Memo

i. The year-to-date budget report and transactions since the last Board meeting have been completed.

ii. Per request, the Chief's signature will now be included on the LGIP transfer forms.

B. HFD Fire Station Project Costs

i. Fire Station Project expenses and reimbursements were reviewed.

10. Unfinished Business

A. Volunteer Relations Update. None

B. Board Liaison Update. None

11. New Business

C. Civil Service Member-at-Large

i. Phil Moyer's term has expired. It was recommended that he be reappointed as the Civil Service member-at-large.

MOTION MADE: By John Drake to approve Phil Moyer as Civil Service member-at-large.

2ND: By Kirk Peterson

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion Passed 3 Ayes [2 Absent]. John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson (Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye) [Nora Gambee (Absent) and Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

D. End of Fire Chief Jim Price's Contract

i. Fire Chief Jim Price requested that his contract be extended through the end of October 2026 to provide coverage through the fire season and assist with the transition to the new Fire Chief.

MOTION MADE: By Kirk Peterson to extend Chief Price's contract through the end
of October 2026.
2ND: By John Drake
DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: Motion Passed 3 Ayes [2 Absent]. John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson
(Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye) [Nora Gambée (Absent) and
Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

E. Agenda Suggestions for Next Month's Meeting

i. New Fire Chief Contract

12. Motion to Pay Bills

MOTION MADE: By Terry Niedermeyer to Pay the Bills
2ND: By Kirk Peterson
DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: Motion Passed 3 Ayes [2 Absent]. John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson
(Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye) [Nora Gambée (Absent) and
Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

13. Board Member Comments

A. John Drake congratulated Board President Nora Gambée's husband for
winning first place in the National Senior Bowling Tournament.

B. Kirk Peterson asked about Hoodland Fire District's 60th Anniversary. The
anniversary celebration will be combined with the Open House in October.

14. Executive Session. None

15. Other New Business. None

16. Adjournment

MOTION MADE: By Terry Niedermeyer

ADJOURNMENT: By John Drake at 8:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Ewing

Kelli Ewing, Office Administrator

Notes Typed By: Christina Harris, Administrative Assistant

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